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Public (Services) (1947) Department.

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G.O. No. 3056

Dated 30th September 1947

[Despatch Abstract.]

Public (Services) - Corruption among Government servants - Collection of mamools - Prohibition - Instructions issued.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Services) Department

MEMORANDUM No.2391/47-2, dated 15th September 1947.

PUBLIC SERVICES - Corruption among Government Servants - Collection of mamools - Prohibition - Instructions issued.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that the system of collecting mamools is still in vogue in some of the departments of Government. As the word signifies, mamools mean money or gifts paid generally in pursuance of an established custom, but the system has been abused and nowdays they constitute a form of illegal gratification. The existence or continuance of such a system cannot, under any circumstances, be tolerated. The Government therefore desire to impress on all Heads of Departments the need for putting an end to this malpractice wherever it exists and accordingly request them to take immediate and effective steps to eradicate this evil.

K. RAMUNNI MENON
Chief Secretary to Government

To All Heads of Departments
To the Departments of Secretariat (including Public)
To the Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission
To the Special Officer, Departmental Enquiries
To the Superintendent, X-Branch, C.I.D.
To the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D.
To the Inspector-General of Police, Madras.

(True copy)

Extract from 'X' Branch report No.2/M.V./47, dated 16-7-47.

Anti-corruption - allegations of corrupt practices against Sri P. Appa Rao, Regional Transport Officer, Cuddapah Report of enquiry

In the course of the enquiry it came to light that Mr. Leckler, ex-Manager, and agent of Sri L.R.V. Naidu, Proprietor of the V.M. Service, Hindupur in a civil suit filed by the proprietor for realisation of some monies, produced a private note book maintained by him allegedly on the directions of the proprietor for the money spent on mamools and supplies to officers. A photograph copy of the available pages of the private note book is enclosed. It shows that a sum of Rs.2000 per quarter was being spent towards mamools and supplies to officers. Mr. Leckler explained the several items noted in the private note book in his statement dated 2-5-47. The note book suggests malpractices by officers of the Revenue Department, the local police and District Police Office staff. The expenditure incurred seems on the whole to be genuine when the entries are examined in the light of the letters between Mr. Leckler and the proprietor, but it is probable that in some cases officers' names have been used by their subordinates and that they themselves were unaware of what was happening. It cannot be definitely stated that there was no exaggeration or falsification about the amounts shown under 'Sundry' Expenditures head.

5. It is considered desirable that the Government should take due notice of the 'mamool' system revealed by the note book and once more warn all departmental administrative Heads of its existence and direct them to do what they can to put a stop to such things.

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Notes:-

Before transferring the file to the Home Department

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(2) an extract of the first portion of para 5 may be taken for issue of orders in Public (Ser.) as desired by 'X' Branch.

K.R.M.-23/7/47
W.S.B.-23/7/47

PUBLIC (SERVICES) DEPARTMENT

Please see the extracts of notes on p.1 ante. The 'mamool' is one of the forms of illegal gratification - vide para 2 of Confidential Memo. No.1742/46-5, Public (Services), dated 14th August 1946 at flag (K). Mamools are paid not for any favour, but in pursuance of an established custom, and usually for the enjoyment of a legitimate right. For example, money paid by ryots to P.W.D. officials on the basis of acreage for the supply of water for irrigation; mamools received by the subordinate revenue staff from village officers during Jamabandi etc. For the present the Special Branch C.I.D. is not expected to deal with mamools, though if circumstances permit their being taken up in addition to the handling of the major targets.

The Special Branch, C.I.D. consider it desirable that Government should issue general instructions to all departmental administrative Heads directing them to put a stop to

the 'mamool system' prevalent among ~~other~~ subordinates. In this connection, it may be mentioned that Revenue recently issued instructions to the Board of Revenue and all Collectors prohibiting the revenue staff from resorting to collection of mamools during Jamabandi. As desired by the Special Branch instructions may be issued to ~~all~~ Heads of Departments to put a stop to the practice of mamools. Subject to orders a draft Memo. is submitted for consideration.

2. The draft below is for approval.

Draft may be approved.

K.R.M.
-8-1947 O.P.R.
12-9-1947

(Issued as Memo. No.2391/47-2 Public (Ser.), d/15-9-47.)

The papers may be recorded for facility of future reference.

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G.O.Ms.No. 3036 Public (Services), dated 30-9-1947

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